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—Byron

## Millionaires of the Air

Echoes from the golden days of the late new economic era sounded in the senate airmail contract probe when aircraft officials testified as to the fortunes piled up on slim investments as a result of mail contracts.

B. F. Rentschler, vice chairman of the United Aircraft and Transport corporation ran up a \$253 investment in corporation stock to a paper value of over \$35,000,000. He purchased 1375 shares aircraft stock at 20 cents a share, or \$275. He sold 110 shares for \$22, leaving a net investment of \$253. For his 1265 shares, he got in one of the splitups to water stock, 219,604 shares of United Aircraft. The quotation on these shares when issued was 97, so his holdings were already worth \$21,301,588.

If Mr. Rentschler had sold at the peak, in 1929, when the quotation was 162, his holdings would have brought \$35,575,848. Even now his \$253 investment is worth \$7,686,140. Actually he sold 159,604 shares at an admitted profit of \$9,414,869.35 and the 60,000 shares remaining are worth \$2,100,000. During his term as an aviation official he drew, as bonuses and salaries \$1,585,514 in addition to stock profits.

Charles W. Deeds, young treasurer of the same company did even better, proportionately. He described how he ran a \$40 investment in aviation stock to a paper value of \$5,824,640. He bought in May, 1926, 200 shares of the Pratt and Whitney Co., airplane engine manufacturers, at 20 cents a share. He received a stock dividend of 16,000 shares in November, 1928. A few months later, Deeds received 34,720 shares of United Aircraft, when the latter company absorbed Pratt and Whitney. In May the stock was selling at \$162 a share and at present is worth about \$30 a share. In addition he received several hundred thousand in bonuses and salaries. And the same story is repeated with other airmail concerns.

The point of the story is that during the period the aircraft officials were piling up millions in stock profits, salaries and bonuses, the government of the United States, that is the taxpayers, were punting up \$40,000,000 in subsidies to the United Aircraft for carrying the mail. These officials practically admitted that without these subsidies the company could not have been able to pay such salaries and bonuses, and the vast stock profits would not have been possible. Milking of the taxpayers account for it, and that in a time of wide-spread suffering and breadlines. Small wonder airmail files were destroyed.

## First of the Self Starters

First among the self-starters in the primary campaign is Sam H. Brown the Gervais farmer and sausage maker, who would save Oregon by getting on the payroll as governor. Though he did not devise the Sam Brown belt he is not unknown to fame through his service as state senator, and from his having four years ago bolted the republican party, whose nomination he now seeks, to play the roll of a John the Baptist to herald the coming of that other savior of the commonwealth, Julius Meier.

Mr. Brown is a self-made man and has a very high opinion of his creator, but that is characteristic of self-starters, and pledges his support to the cause of the common people against the interests, but that is also characteristic. It is a common plank in all platforms including that of the present executive, whose cause the Marion legislator long since repudiated.

Mr. Brown announces that his campaign will be conducted "in compliance with the golden rule," he will do "as I wish to be done by" and will not permit "any attempt to malign or degrade another" which is most commendable but quite an innovation for the candidate.

Mr. Brown hints at a hitch-hiking campaign like that made famous by Alfalfa Bill in Oklahoma. He expects to visit every part of Oregon, "will ride if I can, but walk if I must," and this despite the fact that the legislature of which Mr. Brown was a member passed a law placing a ban on "hitching." Notwithstanding the law, however, we hope the kind hearted motorists will cheerfully give a lift to the candidate. He has to be seen and heard to be appreciated.

## What's Your Idea?

About Anonymous Contributions To This and Other Newspaper Columns? Shouldn't Contributors Assume Responsibility for Controversial Opinions and Volunteer Use of Name With Them?

When you write a "piece for the paper," for publication in this or another column, shouldn't you sign your name and address and assume responsibility for the opinions you express, especially if they are of a controversial nature?

Of course, if such articles are libelous or slanderous the identity of the writer is of small consequence. They would not be published anyway.

Almost daily the Capital Journal receives contributions for publication in this or the Forum columns which are unsigned. They go into the waste basket. Then there are other contributors who sign their names but ask that the published article be signed with a non-epitome.

Should not persons who wish public expression of their ideas and opinions be willing to assume public responsibility for them?

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To the Editor: In the January 15 issue of "Forum" the new manuscript...

CONSTIPATED 30 YEARS AIDED BY OLD REMEDY "Forty three years I had constipation. Suffering food from stomach choked me. Since taking Adierka I am a new person. Constipation is a thing of the past—Alvie Burns Perry's drug store. adv

## VETERANS ASK STRENGTHENING CWA PROGRAM

Portland, Jan. 22 (AP)—Suggestions for strengthening the civil works administration program, for the elimination of alleged favoritism and inefficiency in relief work, and for the eradication of duplication of authority and effort were contained in a resolution unanimously adopted here last night by the executive committee of the Oregon department of the American Legion.

The committee, it was pointed out, spoke for 98 Legion posts and about 10,000 members in Oregon. The report dealt at considerable length with the proper and "popular" definitions of a veteran, and the use of the word as now defined by regulation or opinion, to include persons who have not had service during war periods, was deplored.

It was pointed out that as now defined, the term includes as "service men" those who are residing peace time in any branch of the military and that this "defeats the benefit of the preference to which war-service veterans are entitled and likewise militates against the interest of the unemployed non-veteran by denying to him an opportunity to labor until the needs of the peace-time veteran has first been served."

The executive committee contended that in the employment of the staff of executive officers incident to the administration of governmental relief agencies, selection should be made from the same class of persons whose relief is the object and reason for creation of the agency. Instances were cited where staff members are not in need of relief.

The Legion department stated foremen, timekeepers and similar classes of so-called supervisory employees are not necessarily taken from the registration rolls, as well as all employees of whatever class working under CWA projects, should be chosen from the lists of registered unemployed, and not be picked by certain executives.

6. Must we always remain on the gold basis? Is it beyond the wit of man to devise any equivalent method?

7. In all the books on banking and economics, I read how stupid and disastrous it was for the government to have the gold standard in crisis. I never find out from them what the government should have done.

8. The higher you go in civilization, the less actual money you see. It is all bills and checks. What are they? Mere promises and orders. What based on? Principally on the same old money and the productive earth. Humanity and the soil—they are the only real basis for money.

9. I seek to remove the currency variable. I feel that these horrible cycles of inflation and depression which have gone on for centuries in normal times could be broken once and for all if they would not produce any serious injury.

10. There is a complete set of misleading slogans kept on hand for just such outbreaks of common sense among the people. There would be new shrieks of "that money" and "paper money" and "greenbacks" and all that sort of thing—the same old cries which the people have been shouted down from the beginning.

Edison foresaw the economic debacle years in advance. So early as 1922 he went to Washington to encourage the adoption of preventive policies, offering ideas which had been the same old medicine which he had habitually accorded his marvelous inventions. Our great men of supposed brilliance would have none of it. Andrew W. Mellon barked and yapped a positive insult in reply to one of Edison's suggestions.

Good old Edison—no rancor—he excited Mellon on the ground that "the simply didn't understand it."

For most part the press of the country kept still about all this, in seven languages and four dialects.

To The Editor: In your edition of today, the statement in the "Questions and Answers" concerning the Belgian race, is erroneous. I ought to know as I was born and brought up in Belgium, coming to America when twenty-one.

It is history that all European nations came to trace their birth back, sometimes very many centuries.

When at school, as a boy, I have learned that Ambrogio, King of the Romans, praised the Belgians as being the bravest race in the Gauls. They were Gauls. They were, of course, subjugated by more powerful enemies through the centuries. The last of these were the Hollanders whose yoke the Belgians threw off in the revolution of 1830, at which time they let their first king, Leopold I, on the throne.

It is not the north of Belgium which has the French characteristics, but the five south provinces adjoining France on the north, and here the French language is spoken together with a dialect called Walloon, a corrupt French.

The four other provinces of North Belgium that border Holland or Netherlands along its south frontier have retained the use of the Dutch or Flemish language which, too, has degenerated in many dialects.

However, French is generally spoken and understood all over that country.

N. MAGUIN, Woodburn, Ore., Jan. 16.

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## Dinner Is Served

### Mill City Faculty

Mill City—The annual dinner for members of the school board and high school teachers was given on Thursday evening in the home economics room at the Mill City high school. The dinner was prepared by the girls in the home economics class No. 1 and served by those in class No. 2. Daffodils in copper bowls were used for decoration, with individual gold candles at each place. Covers were placed for the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Atwood, Mrs. W. W. Allen, D. B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Sven Eliassen, Miss Elsie Marie, Miss Ethel Hickey and Miss Pearl Hildebrand. Miss Grall is the home economics instructor.



Washington, Jan. 22—The tip is going around among the legal boys not to be sure about the supreme court going for the new deal. That tip is not based on information of the experts on the outer fringe of the court. No one ever tries to get any inside information from the court itself unless, he wants to go to jail for contempt.

The rail boys say, however, they expect the court will perhaps approve another new deal idea in a decision to come shortly on the New York milk case. They would not be surprised if it came by the narrow margin of 5 to 4, as the decision in the Minnesota mortgage case came.

But even with that expectation, they caution any one against betting that the court will go all the way with the administration. They have good reasons for their deductions.

Devaluing—These court experts noted that Chief Justice Hughes had a significant catch in the Minnesota mortgage decision. It was that the mortgage owner would suffer no real loss but only delay under the state moratorium. As his rent would still go on.

That was clearly a hint from the court itself that the present attitude toward new deal measures might not hold good if any loss to citizens was involved.

Insiders could see that the benediction was no blanket application. It cannot apply to a gold hoarder deprived of his money or to any man whose wealth or property is being devalued by edict.

Prices—The decision to come on the New York milk case is not expected to touch these points either. It involves mainly the right of the state to fix milk prices.

The court has always been against price fixing, except during the war. Then it ruled that government regulation of rents was legal because it was a public necessity in a time of stress.

There is a possibility that the court will see the existing economic emergency as a similar time of stress and permit the state to fix milk prices.

NRA—The court also may uphold the NRA, if the long legal question ever gets up to it.

A line of reasoning was followed in the application coal case which would have direct application to the NRA. In the coal case last year the court held that selling agreements were legal despite the anti-trust law prohibition against them. Again the court considered the emergency.

The coal companies were going on the rocks because they did not have a selling agreement to meet competition. They needed such an agreement to save off an emergency of depression and the court gave it to them for that period.

The worst that can be said of the NRA is that it is blinking at the anti-trust laws in a similar way for a similar emergency purpose.

But if it is to be made permanent and the court should be required to rule on it after the depression emergency is passed, that would be a legal horse of a different color.

Hughes—All those around the court, inside and out, have an affectionate regard for Chief Justice Hughes. They believe he possesses one of the greatest legal minds of his generation, perhaps the greatest.

The new law he has written so far in the application and Minnesota cases is only a start. There will be scores of decisions to come, all connected with the emergency and reform. The new deal has yet to hop that hurdle.

As head of the third branch of government Hughes may eventually influence with the President and congress in fixing the future course of affairs.

Probing—The farm brain trusters are secretly conducting an investigation to find out who has been scuttling the farm relief ship.

The main idea is to discover why prices have been falling on commodities to which the processing tax has been applied. Those on the inside say the results will point to the processor and that he will be nailed as the goat.

It is quite obvious that this phase of the farm program has been ineffective, if not a complete flop. At first the processors apparently passed the tax on to the consumers in the anticipated way. But that frozen prices up so high that the consumer paid fullbacks in their pockets.

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## COLORFUL FILM OFFERED HERE

For sheer entertainment value it is doubtful if any motion picture has ever been devised which carries the interest, color and excitement of Merle's Golden-Mayor's stupendous production of "Dinner at Eight," at the Edmore theater.

It is easy to understand why "Dinner at Eight" achieved its long-run popularity as a stage play. Its ingenious arrangement of plot and sub-plots, its diversity of characterizations and its shrewd insight into the complex emotions which rise to undermine the happiness of marital life are matters of expanding interest.

Even if the play were not as clever as it is, the mere spectacle of seeing so imposing an array of celebrities in one film as Merle Dreiser, the two Barrymores, Wallace Beery, Joan Harlow, Lee Tracy, Edmund Lowe, Philip H. Love, Madge Evans, Jean Harsholt, Karen Morley, Louise Clouser Hale, Phillipa Holmes and May Robson would be enough to stimulate one's cinema appetite.

Moreover, the picture has been so artfully contrived that practically each and every one of these well-known Hollywood headliners has a big scene to himself.

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Notes—A farmer in Nebraska wrote the AAA: "I have sold my hogs to the government and now I have enough money to hitch-hike half way to the state fair."

A government agent near Chicago recently noted that CWA workers were in the street digging holes, followed by another gang of CWA workers who came along and filled the holes up. He inquired about the reasons for such unwise procedure and was told that both gangs were merely softening up the earth for road repaving next spring.

When Father Coughlin talked an hour with Mr. Roosevelt the other day it was the first time they had met since the President has been in the White House. Coughlin visited there once before but talked to Secretary McIntyre. He also talked with McIntyre on occasions when he telephoned.

The way Congressman Boylan of New York was mentioned ambiguously in a recent column might lead someone to believe he favored pay raises, whereas he wants restoration of salaries and always has. His record on that issue is clear.

Aside from the pay cut, there have been two important administration rules on. On those two bills there have been exactly one dissenting vote, that of MacFadden against the farm credit bill.

FALLS CITY LOSES Falls City—In a double header game here Thursday night the Beaver club basketball team met the local town team resulting in a 23-24 loss for the Salem team. The second game was between Dallas grade school and the local grade quints with the local boys winning 13 to 8. Wednesday night the Dallas town team handed the local home towners a trouncing 24 to 14.

Birthdays Observed Victor Point—Mrs. J. L. Lang was surprised recently at her home near Silver Creek Falls when a group of relatives met to spend the day with her on the occasion of her birthday. A 1 o'clock luncheon was served at a table centered with a large birthday cake and pink rosebuds were used for decorations. Present were Mrs. G. D. Scott, Union Hill, Mrs. M. M. Gilmour, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. J. C. Krenz and Mrs. Arthur Mulvey, Victor Point, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lang and daughters, Dorothy and Jo Anne.

MRS. CARPENTER HOSTESS Silverton—Mrs. Dolph Carpenter has as her houseguests Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterson of Los Angeles. They are returning to their home from a trip to Astoria where Peterson was on the deck of his sister, Mrs. Peterson will be remembered in Silverton as Miss Louise Peterson, daughter of the one of the early pastors of the Trinity Lutheran church.

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## Lyons Quints Beat Mill City Cagers

Lyons—The junior boys and the town team of the Mill City met defeat Friday night when they played Lyons teams on the local floor. The junior teams were evenly matched but there was no doubt as to the winners. Lineups:

Mill City	Lyons
Haeseman.....F.....2	Normoyle
Keenan.....F.....2	Hoback
Richardson.....F.....2	Nune
Hill.....G.....2	Bass
Godden.....G.....2	Perkins
Allen.....S.....2	Adams
Mill City Twinnies	Lyons Twinnies
Gregory 2.....F.....16	Konstant
Plumbuck 4.....F.....6	Keenan
L. Gregory 2.....G.....2	Jungworth
Swan.....G.....2	4 Wales
Brandaberry 1.....G.....2	Lyons
	8.....2
	High

## DEVERS OPPOSES BRIDGE TOLLS

Charging tolls on the five coast highway bridges probably would be unwise and a costly procedure, Joseph Devers, highway commission attorney, said today.

"Imposition of any tolls on the five bridges would keep thousands of tourists from using the magnificent highway, one of the chief reasons for constructing the bridges," Devers said.

He believes the tax paid on gasoline by tourists, in addition to ferry expenses saved by the commission, would be sufficient to meet the principal and interest payments, which reach a peak of \$227,000 in a single year. Only interest payments are to be made during the first five years.

"It would cost the highway commission \$175,000 annually to operate ferries by the time principal payments start," Devers continued, "and at least \$22,000 to maintain personnel to collect tolls."

Devers would have a balance of only \$40,000. Gasoline taxes paid by tourists and others who would use the bridges, if they were from would more than make up this difference."

## Etzel Is Honored Upon His Birthday

Stayton—Adolph Etzel was surprised on his eighteenth birthday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Etzel when a group of friends came in to help celebrate the occasion.

Cards were played by the older people while the younger ones played party games.

The guests included the honored guest, Adolph Etzel, Mr. and Mrs. George Eder, Miss Clara Eder, Albert and Clarence Eder, all of Gervais, Mr. and Mrs. A. Keil and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Hamber and Laura Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hendricks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baker and Harold, Mrs. Mary Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kremer, Henry and Lester Fox, Louie and Lawrence Hendricks, Vincent Kremer, Marie Bentz, Harold Wolf, Evelyn Kintz and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Etzel. Lunch was served at a late hour.

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## REED REFUSES MEET PERKINS

Refusal of Robin Reed to meet Ari Perkins in the main event of Tuesday night's wrestling show at the armory has necessitated a change in the card, according to announcement Monday morning by Herb Owen, matchmaker. Reed claims he would rather meet Perkins in Portland than here. Whether this is due to the possibility of making more money in the metropolis was not stated. Owen announced that he would lay Reed off for a while.

It is probable Perkins will meet either Bobby Sampson or Jack Curtis. The fans will be given an opportunity to decide Perkins' opponent Tuesday night before the match starts. Curtis was originally booked to clash with Don Sugi and a change here may be in order.

Walter Truhitt, a candidate for welterweight wrestling championship honors, and former Detroit blocking halfback, will return to the local ring after an absence of many months. Achui will meet Stan Crowley, a recent addition to Oregon's grappling fraternity, in the second bout of the evening.

## Givens Entertains Friends At Party

Silverton—Kenneth Givens entertained a group of friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Givens on Madison street, with informal dancing the feature of the evening. Art Canoy, Floyd Verbeck, Art Brown and Art Hendren furnished the music. Supper was served by Mrs. Givens and her daughter, Alice Terry.

Those present were Lorenne Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thompson, Arthur Thompson, Oscar, Albert, Melvin and James Saturn, Josephine, Myrtle, Olga, Thelma, Inez and Arthur Sunde, Hedy Mickelson, Bob Letkem, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Verbeck, Harold Lothman, Helen, Evelyn, Anna, Doris, Melvin and Arthur Brenden, Rose and Dorothy Van Gorder, Paul, John and Albert Boyd,